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MRS. CATHERINE BERGEN JONES.

Funeral services for Mrs. Catherine Bergen Jones, aged nearly 90 years, who died Sunday night January 3, 1915, were held at 2 o'clock Wednesday, January 6, at her home, 820 North Fifth street, Rev. Donald C. Macleod, pastor of the First Presbyterian church, of which her father was first pastor, and Rev. A. G. Bergen, pastor of the Fifth Presbyterian church, officiating.

Rev. MacLeod preached briefly from Psalm 92:12-14, and a choir composed of John J. Bergen and his daughter Mrs. Louisa N. Montgomery of Virginia, and Dr. and Mrs. A. G. Bergen sang the decedent's favorite hymn, "How Firm a Foundation." Rev. Mr. Bergen offered a prayer. Interment was made in Oak Ridge Cemetery.

Decedent's relatives present at the services from out of town were Mrs. Hardin Nance, Edward Berger of Petersburg, Mr. and Mrs. John Bergen and Mrs. Louisa N. Montgomery of Virginia, Ill.

The following obituary written of Mrs. Jones:

Mrs. Catherine Bergen Jones died on Sunday, the third of January 1915—in her ninety-ninth year, at her home, 820 North 5th Street, Springfield, Illinois.

On account of her advanced age, long residence and intimate connection with the history of Springfield and vicinity, she was one of its best known and most interesting characters.

Mrs. Jones was the daughter of the late Rev. John G. Bergen one of the pioneer ministers of Illinois. When he came to Illinois he was one of the seven Presbyterian ministers in the State, and the first Christian minister to labor and establish a church in Springfield and vicinity.

Dr. Bergen came with his family from Princeton N. J., to Springfield in 1828. Mrs. Catherine Bergen Jones, his second

daughter, born September 23, 1816, was 12 years of age when she came to Springfield with her family, arriving in the city on her 12th birthday, September 23, 1828.

During the long period of 87 years, she has been a sympathetic and intelligent observer of all the stirring events of our history, local, state and national.

It is interesting to note that the life of Mrs. Jones practically encircled a century. And in view of her exceptional natural talents, and the wonderful preservation of all her natural powers; and her sustained interest to the end in all the movements of the world, she has probably left no one behind her whose life is such a splendid commentary upon the history of the most wonderful century of human civilization.

We will appreciate the significance of such a life as this when we understand it is almost as comprehensive as American history. If she did not join hands with George Washington, she did with LaFayette and many other contemporaries of the first president and father of our American Republic. It is hard for us to appreciate that Mrs. Jones' life reached back through all the complexity of our present day civilization to the time of real (American) simplicity. Her early life antedated the aeroplane, wireless telegraphy, the automobile, the arc-light, the telephone, the telegraph, the use of anaesthetic in surgery, the discovery of the expansive power of steam, the railroad, steamship, the steam engine, the spring wagon, and everything characteristic of the life of our age. She lived in our wonderful world. She lived in a simple world before it—and now she lives in another world.

Upon the occasion of General Lafayette's final visit to the United States, in 1825, he was touring the country and was tendered a reception at Madison, New Jersey. As a part of the reception, the thirteen original colonies were represented by thirteen little girls, arrayed in white robes and tastefully adorned with flowers and evergreens. Among the thirteen little misses were, the deceased Catherine Bergen and her sister, Jane. The thirteen little girls stepped out before

General LaFayette, and in concert pronounced the following address, in a clear, distinct and impressive manner :

All hail to the hero Columbia's great friend;
 Whose fame will resound till creation shall end;
 Now welcome, thrice welcome, to our happy clime,
 Where virtue is honored in Freedom sublime.
 You sought us weak, and found us when poor,
 But now we are strong, and the conflict is o'er;
 We tender our homage, extend you our hands,
 And gratitude every bosom expands.
 The loss of our Washington still we regret,
 But almost behold him in thee, LaFayette;
 And could his good spirit look now from the dead,
 The heavens would scarcely retain the blest shade.
 Now, fare you well father, we see you no more—
 The ocean will bear you away from our shore;
 May fortune attend you across the broad main,
 Until your own daughters embrace you again.

Between 1828 and 1836 she lived in "The Manse" with her parents, during which time her father was pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Springfield, continuing his pastorate until 1848. In 1836 she was united in marriage with Mr. Edward Jones, an attorney of Springfield.

Mrs. Jones united with the First Presbyterian Church of which her father was the first pastor more than eighty years ago in the year 1834, and was a charter member of what was said to be the first Sunday School Class in this county, which was organized sixty-nine years ago.

Her interest in current events and world topics even until the last days of her life has been remarked by her friends. During the last presidential campaign she was well informed, and a contributor to President Wilson's campaign fund, for which the president in two letters thanked her, not only for her donation, but for her interest in the election. She was also active in the cause of temperance and cast a vote for prohibition at the last "dry" fight in her ninety-eighth year.